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Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee,

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I write today in support of Senate Bill 145, *An Act Concerning Reduced Fares on the Metro-North Railroad*.

I support legislation that would provide reduced fares on the Metro-North Railroad to Connecticut's veterans, because veterans are Americans who have fought hard to protect the many freedoms that we are lucky to hold. Providing reduced fares for them on Metro-North, whether it is traveling to work or a getaway to NYC, would provide a thank you to our veterans for their service and sacrifice.

An option that I am proposing is to add veterans to the reduced senior, disabled discounted rate for the Connecticut fares. This way, it would only add another group to an already existing category.

Our veterans have already done so much for us. Any small action that we can take up to show our support and gratitude to our heroes should be done.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. I urge the committee to support its passage.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. McLachlan".

Michael A. McLachlan
State Senator – 24th District